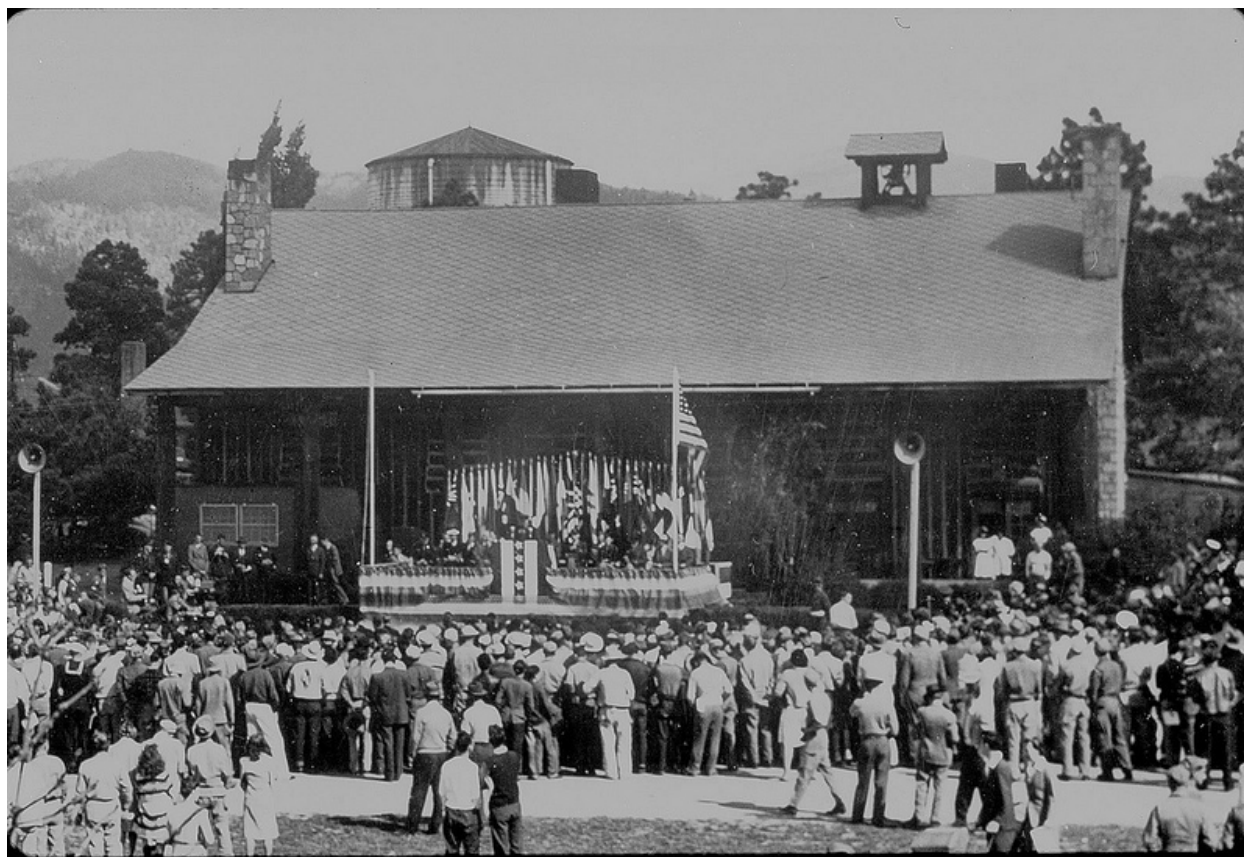


# Manhattan Project National Historical Park Works to Expand Public Access in Los Alamos

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Manhattan Project National Historical Park is a partnership park opened last year following an agreement between the National Park Service and the Department of Energy (DOE). In Los Alamos, the Park is comprised solely of properties within DOE boundaries that are not yet accessible to the public. Discussions are underway to incorporate properties owned by the Los Alamos Historical Society and Los Alamos County into the partnership. The collaborative effort to define how we will work together as partners is focused on providing the best experience for all of our stakeholders. The national legislation, passed in 2014, specifies that, while the Park will provide the visiting public with a fulfilling learning experience at original Manhattan Project sites, the DOE must also ensure that the operation “properly protects public safety, national security and other aspects of the ongoing mission.”

Representatives of partners and prospective partners are at work making available Los Alamos interpretive assets such as the historic buildings, artifact collections, and

historical accounts. This will enable the work of National Park Service interpretive planners once national appropriation funding is received. Partners will create the many kinds of interpretive aids to understanding and appreciating a national park and its significance that we all have come to know, love and use.

Until that time, the Bradbury's exhibits, artifacts, interactive components, applications and videos are helping the National Park Service by being the place that Park visitors to the area can learn the story.

To assist the National Park Service in determining park attendance, the Bradbury will provide visitor statistics, as will the Park Visitor Contact Station on 20<sup>th</sup> Street on the southeast side of the Community Building.

To help our National Park Service partner celebrate their Centennial in October, the White Rock Visitor Center will host a display about the Centennial highlighting the three national park properties within an easy drive: the Manhattan Project National Historical Park, Bandelier National Monument and the Valles Caldera National Preserve.

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